

## Brown County 4H Leaders Association Meeting

11/9/20 at 5:30 PM

### Zoom meeting

In attendance: Jennifer Buss, Cindy Ossmann, Carrie Ostroski, Mary VanDyck, Melinda Pollen, Madison Wiese, Nicki VanDeurzen, Jennifer Langhoff, Taylor Langhoff, Lori Calaway, Angela Duckart, Alyssa Ostrenga, Sara Brown, Eileen Reuden, Lisa Ostrenga, Mary Pasch, Tessa Eichorst, Mary Ann Beyl, Travis Cleven, Lois VanZeeland, JoAnn Vandenovand

Meeting called to order at 6:05

- I. Award presentations
  - a. Volunteer of the Year-Angela Duckart
  - b. Meritorious Service-Cindy Ossmann
  - c. Friend of 4H-Travis Cleven (Agriculture Director at Midwest Communications)
- II. Icebreaker led by Maddie
- III. Secretary Report only change is that Sara Brown's sons and Eileen Rueden also attended Fall Forum. Cindy made a motion to approve, Mary Ann seconded the motion.
- IV. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Lisa made a motion to approve, Tessa seconded the motion.
- V. Melinda's report will be emailed as well.
  - a. Charters are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and all club charters are done. Thank you!
  - b. Melinda has financial records and can drop those.
  - c. Tax filings have been filed for the clubs. Alyssa can send them out.
  - d. 6<sup>th</sup> and final week of Explore 4H, 36 kids doing a hands on virtual project learning about 4H.
  - e. County will be releasing Home for the Holidays project. Watch your mailers for that. This is a joint collaboration between Door, Kewaunee and Brown Counties.
  - f. Aging and Disability Resource Center has opportunities to decorate lunch bags for homebound seniors. Let Melinda know if you would like any, clubs can decorate them at home.
  - g. This week we will be releasing a coloring page to be sent in to send to homebound seniors and nursing homes. Seniors will also get coloring pages to work on.
  - h. If you are able to help lead a project presentation coming up, please contact Melinda for more opportunities to offer project programming.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Secretary position was filled by Carrie Ostroski. She was a member at large, but that position is open. Eileen Rueden will fill that position.
  - b. Cards to people affected by wildfires in Oregon. Alyssa Ostrenga explained that Lost Dauphin has submitted 26 thinking of you cards last month and we have a goal of 30 to do for the next month. If any other club wants to join in, Melinda will coordinate collecting them. Lena in Oregon said "it's hard to fill everyone's needs but everyone likes a card."

- c. Small group gatherings. There is nothing new for guidance, see this website for [FAQ](#). Let Melinda know if you have any questions or ideas and she can see about getting approval for these.
- d. Yearly charter information-Leaders Association has SMART goals for the year.
  - i. We will have recreation, education, and business components of the meeting (50% of meetings have all three).
  - ii. Members will develop a social media marketing resource to show how to get involved in 4H by the end of 4H calendar year.
- e. Fall Forum-Sara and Ben (member) Brown attended and gave overview of the forum, which was virtual this year. Ben helped plan the forum, he was elected last year to be on the planning committee to develop all activities on Friday night. Congrats Ben! Sounds like the forum went very well. Ben was elected vice president of the WLC and will be the Wisconsin 4H Foundation representative.
  - i. If you attended Fall Forum, please go to the Brown County 4H website for reimbursement requests.

#### VII. New Business

- a. No meeting in December. January will be our next meeting.
- b. 4H online 2.0 is up and running. Members are enrolling already, there will be a bit of a leeway in typical end of November deadline because of a delay in release of 2.0 version. Many leaders will need a background check (email will come from HireRight), so please encourage leaders to enroll soon. Background checks are done every 4 years.
- c. Annual leaders training is coming up soon, there are a few sessions coming up in the next couple weeks (three sessions). Every club has to have at least one leader attend one session, and Melinda will be reaching out if there is not representation from a club.
- d. Virtual Opportunities: Check the Brown County 4H website for opportunities.

#### VIII. Committee and club reports

- a. Auction-no
- b. Fairest of the Fair-no
- c. Fair-no
- d. Fundraising-online auction will be coming up soon (Virtual auction 12/1/20-12/8/20), with pick up on 12/11 from 1-3 pm and 12/12 from 9-10.30. Basket donations are coming in, please tell Eileen or Angela if you want a basket earmarked for trip kids. Watch for more information coming out with details.
- e. Educational Experiences
  - i. American Spirit refunds will all come back in full. It will take awhile because some of the involved companies have gone bankrupt, but 4H Foundation will be issuing all the refunds.
  - ii. Only trip that MAY happen is the Madison trip or international trips for 2021, but it is doubtful if these trips will happen.
- f. Pop top collection-please keep collecting the pop tops, we are hoping for a spring collection date. We will be keeping track of collections by club.
- g. Club reports
  - i. Tessa Eichhorst made the decision that this will be her last year as a 4H leader after October 2021. Hopefully they will have another person to lead Morrison.

- ii. Friendly Fields met last week virtually, three families attended.
- iii. Happy Valley did a drive in pumpkin carving
- iv. Wrightstown met via zoom and did projects together. They had porch drop craft packs. They made turkeys and paper bowls.
- v. Lost Dauphin had a zoom meeting yesterday, with a bingo activity to take home to win raffle for cameras from the county created by Alyssa Ostrenga).

Next meeting Tuesday January 5, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7.14 motion mad by Mary Ann B and seconded by Cindy.